

IN THE ABSTRACT

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- - ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel with floodable and freeable bottom and side tanks for loading and unloading cargo in accordance with the float-on/float-off and/or roll on/roll-off method. The cargo vessel includes a diesel-electric drive system having as main machines, diesel engines. The diesel-electric drive system drives at least one azimuth rudder propeller, in which a transverse thrust device is provided in the forebody in order to improve the maneuverability and in which the attitude can be trimmed with respect to the cargo by introducing water ballast into upper and lower tanks. The semi-submersible deadweight cargo vessel has high fuel efficiency and good maneuverability. - -

REMARKS

A substitute specification and an Abstract of the Disclosure are provided herewith which make editorial changes in order to conform to standard US practice. A marked-up copy of the specification is also provided reflecting the changes made.

In addition, the claims as filed have been canceled and replaced by new claims that more clearly set forth the subject matter of Applicants' invention.

No new matter has been inserted into the application.

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